

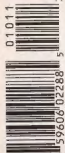
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ALL FOR NOTHING AFTER ALL!

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FOR YOUR
APPROVAL,
KWAME:
THE NEW,
IMPROVED
HUMAN
TRIBE.

SOME NEOTRIBAL
TOUCHES TO MAKE
THE POINT THAT
WE'RE GRASSROOTS
HUMAN WARRIORS
AGAINST THE BIG
COLD TECHNOCRACY
OF PRESIDENT
ROOM.

I KNOW IT'S A BIT
MUCH, AND IT COULD BE
A PROBLEM WHEN WE
HAVE TO BE SNEAKY,
BUT HEY, HALF OF
ANY REVOLUTION
IS SHOW-BIZ!

WILL IT MAKE ANY
DIFFERENCE? WHAT
CAN THIS HANDFUL DO
AGAINST THE POWERS WE
FACE? WILL WE HAVE TIME
ENOUGH TO BUILD A REAL
ARMY? WE NEED SOME-
THING MORE,
QUIRK...

...BUT I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT!

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"HE SHOT ME, QUIRK.
SHOT ME IN THE HEAD."

HE WOULDN'T
DO THAT! JOHN
WOULDN'T!

HE DID
BUT HE DID
ME ONE
FAVOR.

HE SET THE
GUN-FORCE
ON LOW. I'VE
GOT A HEAD-
ACHE AND CAN
BARELY SEE...
BUT I'M
ALIVE.

"WHEN I WOKE UP... IN THE
INFIRMARY... HE WAS THERE...
SAID HE MONKEYED WITH
SECURITY. TOLD ME I'D BE
SMART TO GET OUT..."

"...NO MATTER
HOW WEAK
I WAS."

JOHN SOUNDS
CONFLICTED. I THINK
...I THINK I MIGHT
BE CATCHING
ON...

QUIRK, WE HAVE
TO CLEAR OUT
OF HERE...

SHHH, KWAME!
I'M FINALLY
GETTING WHAT
JOHN'S BEEN
GOING THROUGH!

AND I KNOW
WHAT WE HAVE
TO DO!

IT'S ALMOST UP, THE "MIND-SHAPER". THE GAMMA-RAY DEVICE THAT APOLONIO ADAPTED FROM THE KNIGHTS OF THE BANNER, WITH THE POWER TO SHAPE PEOPLE'S PERCEPTIONS AND FEELINGS ON A MASS SCALE.

ROOM IS COUNTING ON IT TO SOLIDIFY HIS POLITICAL POWER IN THE U.S.A.

IT'S THE BARGAINING CHIP THAT KEEPS LOTUSLAND STUDIOS RUNNING... AND ME AND KEISHA IN CHARGE.

YOU ARE ALREADY THREE DAYS BEHIND YOUR PROMISED DELIVERY TIME, DOCTOR!

SORRY, MR. PRESIDENT, BUT THESE MATERIALS ARE VOLATILE-- AND TREMENDOUSLY RADIO-ACTIVE! I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL!

THEN FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN CARE AND SPEED! FZZT!*

PRETTY OBVIOUS WHAT HE'S FOCUSED ON.

THAT MAKES ME WONDER WHAT VALUE WE'LL HAVE TO HIM ONCE HE HAS IT.

SILENCE, THAT'S WHAT. A STALEMATE OF SILENCE.

WHICH MEANS WE'RE STUCK WITH EACH OTHER, KEISHA. KEEPING EACH OTHER'S SECRETS, ALL THE WAY DOWN THE LINE.

UNLESS ONE OF US KILLS THE OTHER FIRST!

ALL THE WAY DOWN THE LINE... TO DEATH. WHERE ELSE CAN THIS LEAD? WHAT ELSE ARE WE DOING HERE BUT PLAYING OUT A DEATH WISH...?

ORDER. CONTROL. POWER. ISN'T IT ALL ABOUT DEATH?



AH, THERE. IT'S TAKEN ME SOME TIME TO CRACK LOTUSLAND'S SECURITY CODES, THANKS TO ROOM'S INTERFERENCE.

BUT I HAVE IT CONFIRMED. JOHN EISENHART-- KNOWN TO A FEW INTIMATES AS THE HULK-- IS AT THE STUDIO NOW.



GOLDEN ONE, IS THE REPROGRAMMING COMPLETE?

YES, DRAGO. HE WILL NOW SEEK BOTH TARGETS-- EISENHART AND THE HULK-- WITH EQUAL FERVOR. WHICHEVER HE FINDS, HE'LL DESTROY.

THEN RELEASE HIM.



RELEASE THE ANTI-HULK!



REALITY
BYTES

2009 BITTAPED

Here is the winner and the runner-up of our 2009 "Possessive Mess" Contest. And since Joey is known for his indecision on such matters, and though I finally got him to choose one of the many great entries we received, he still insisted that we give the time to give a few honorable mentions to some of the favorite entries. So here they are, the future stars of America. And in this regard to everyone who sent in their solutions, we got a lot of laughs at Joey's expense. -Lla

First Prize:

I was walking down the street the other day and I saw these two kids playing in their yard. They were running around, jumping out of trees, yelling and screaming. You know, kid stuff.

I got closer and one says, "Okay, now I'm Spider-Man and you're Hulk." They turned towards me as I passed. I smiled and said, "A little Peter Parker versus Bruce Banner?"

One kid looks at me strange and says, "Are you crazy Mister? Peter Parker, who's that? I'm talking about Spider-Man, you know, Miguel O'Hara?" This is getting out of hand.

Scott Bauman
Marietta, GA

Every single time I turn on the TV, the Trix commercial comes on. That has to be the cruelest commercial ever made. I hate it! The rabbit tries to eat the Trix, then the stupid kids come and take it away. It really makes me angry. I think the rabbit should beat up the kids, and eat all their cereal. The kids deserve it.

Steve Orazovich
Menomonee, WI

I was way too serious this morning. I had changed. I was crazy as a maniac at a burning house. "You're as normal as mother told me. My mother once had a boyfriend who visited once in a while, and always got there before the fire had started. I had an urge to jump in every puddle I saw on my way to school. My teacher scolded me for being late and wet. "Announce it on a billboard!" I yelled. I was in trouble if that happened again. A crazy urge was coming on.

Geoff Comer
Cincinnati, OH

Things I Hate

1. People that say they collect comics and only have five to their name.
2. When people ask why comics are called comics when they're not funny. (Heck if I know.)
3. Ren and Stimpy reruns.
4. People that are cheerful in the morning.
5. People that tell you when comics were a dime.

Sarah Hosmer
Lancaster, PA

OUT OF THEIR HEADS

MORE OF MARVEL 2009 A.D.

SPIDER-MAN 2009 A.D.
#35: Spidey vs. Venom, and the fate of Tyler Stone.

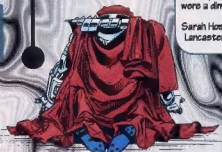
GUARD RAILS 2009 A.D.
#17: L-Cypher is unleashed and GR goes home. With art by Ashley Wood.

HULK 2009 A.D. #10: The California earthquake ends this series with a bang!

DOOM 2009 A.D. #33: With his world crumbling around him, will Doom survive the sabotage of his deadliest foe ever?

X-MEN 2009 A.D. #24: The big set-up to issue #25, as the team prepares for The Reg Market and The Theatre of Pain. Don't miss it!

PUNISHER 2009 A.D. #32: SHIELD has unpleasant plans for the Punisher... his demise!



MEANWHILE, AT GRAUMAN'S CHINESE THEATRE, THE LOCUSTS MEET...

AFTER DECADES OF SCAVENGING AND LURKING IN THE SHADOWS, NOW WE CAN DICTATE TERMS TO THIS CITY!

THANKS TO MY GREATEST PIECE OF SCAVENGING-- THE MONKEY WRENCH BOMB! THE LAST OF THE EXPLOSIVES THAT ECO-TERRORISTS ONCE USED TO TURN CALIFORNIA INTO AN ISLAND.

NOW DO YOU SEE WHY I AM KING OF THE LOCUSTS?

AND NOW WE HAVE PLANTED IT DEEP WITHIN THE EARTH--IN THE VERY HEART OF THE SEISMIC FAULT!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS, ADONAI!

IF THE WORLD IS SENSIBLE ENOUGH TO BEND TO OUR DEMANDS, I WON'T HAVE TO! NONE OF US WANTS SUCH DESTRUCTION... BUT THERE ARE WORSE THINGS!

NO ONE CAN STOP US NOW, MARIAN! THE ONLY ONE RECKLESS ENOUGH TO TRY MIGHT BE YOUR FRIEND, THE HULK!

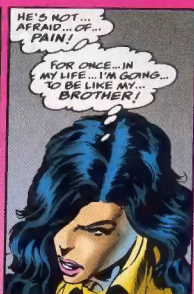
AND I'M GAMBLING THAT HE WON'T DO A THING WITH YOU STRAPPED TO THE BOMB-TRIGGER!

I CAN'T LET HIM DO THIS!

ALL MY LIFE I'VE LET PEOPLE DO HORRIBLE THINGS TO ME... AND OTHERS... TELLING MYSELF THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO ABOUT IT.

MY BROTHER JOHN'S ALWAYS FOUGHT BACK--EVEN BEFORE HE HAD HIS POWERS--WHEN EVERYTHING WAS JUST FOR HIMSELF--HE FOUGHT.

EVEN WHEN WE WERE KIDS... HE FOUGHT FOR ME!



"LOTUSLAND..."

NO ONE IS ADMITTED TO THESE GROUNDS TODAY.

I'D SUGGEST YOU TALK TO JOHN EISENHART OR KEISHA SCHULTZ-VALDEZ ABOUT THAT.

I THINK THEY'D LOVE TO TALK TO SOMEONE WHO KNOWS ALL THEIR SECRETS...

QUIRK! IT REALLY IS YOU! MY, MY!

WHAT HAPPENED? WAS THE BIG, BAD WORLD TOO SCARY FOR YOU?

WHAT DO YOU TWO KNOW ABOUT THE WORLD? YOU JUST SNUGGLE DOWN IN YOUR SLEEPING-BAGS OF LIES AND SELL-OUTS AND FEEL WARM AND SAFE...

SHUT UP, QUIRK.

WHAT'S WRONG, JOHN? DON'T LIKE BEING CALLED A TRAITOR? CROOK? SLEAZY LITTLE POWER-GRABBER?

DON'T TELL ME THAT MAKES YOU MAD, JOHN?

FIGHT IT. FIGHT THE CHANGE!

YES...

YES...

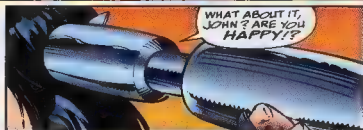
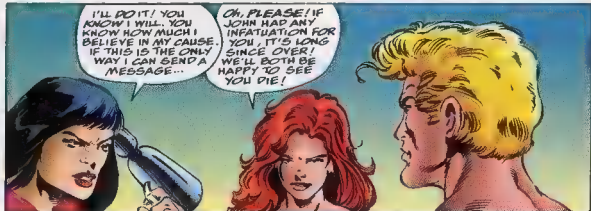
STUPID LITTLE GIRL? THINK YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING LIKE THAT?!

NO. JUST WARMING UP...

SHUT... UP!

FIGHT IT.

...FOR THE MAIN EVENT!



AARRHH!



John? You DO
surprise me...
Sometimes...

CUTE TRICK,
QUIRK... PUSHING
MY BUTTONS
UNTIL I CHANGED.

GUESS YOU
FIGURED OUT
THAT ME AND
JOHN HAVE
BEEN COMING
UP WITH
DIFFERENT
PERSONALITIES,
LATELY.

YEAH-YEAH-YEAH.
LISTEN, WE GOTTA
GET OUTTA HERE!
WE NEED YOU OUT
THERE, HULK!
WE--

I KNOW
WHAT WE
NEED,
KID.

AND IT'S IN
APOLONIO'S
LAB!

THOOM

JUST HOPE
SURPRISE
ON MY SIDE~

WHAM!

~AND I HOPE I DON'T SET
THIS THING OFF WHILE
I'M HOLDING IT!

YEAH, BUT
EVEN THAT
WOULD
BETTER THAN
LETTING **HEM**
USE IT, RIGHT
??

ALERT THE
PRESIDENT!

RIGHT.

ALL TROOPS!
STOP HIM--BUT
DON'T DAMAGE
THE DEVICE!





QUIRK TELLS ME TO
KEEP GOING. MY
INSTINCTS TELL ME
TO KEEP GOING.

BUT SHE'S
MY SISTER.

I CAN'T LEAVE.
NOT AFTER I SEE
THAT SHE'S
BREATHING.

HER EYES
FLUTTER
OPEN.



J...JOHN--AM I
DREAMING...
OR...

IT'S ME,
MARIAN.
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU?
WHO DID
THIS?



TH- THE LOCUSTS, JOHN!
THEY'VE GOT A BOMB AT
THE CHINESE THEATER--A
BOMB TO SET OFF A HUGE
EARTHQUAKE! THEY'RE
GOING TO RANDOM THE
WHOLE STATE WITH IT!

YOU HAVE
TO STOP
THEM!

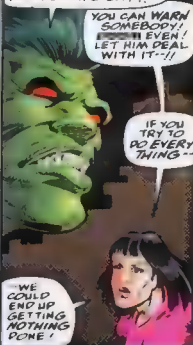


HULK?
COME
ON! WE
DON'T
HAVE
TIME!

AN EARTHQUAKE--?
HITTING THIS CROWDED
AND ROTTING CITY?!

YOU CAN WARN
SOMEBODY!
EVEN!
LET HIM DEAL
WITH IT--!!

IF YOU
TRY TO
DO EVERY-
THING--



WE
COULD
END UP
GETTING
NOTHING
DONE!

YEAH, I HEAR
WHAT SHE'S
SAYING...

...AND SOMEBODY LIKE
JOHN EISENHART
COULD GO WITH THAT
KINDA LOGIC... BE
PRACTICAL EVEN
WITH THE VISION OF
MILLIONS DEAD
NOT TROUBLING HIS
HEAD...

TOO BAD I AIN'T
JOHN EISENHART!

NO,
HULK!!





DOOM?!

LISTEN-- I'M GONNA
TAKE THAT SECOND-
RATE TIN WOODSMAN
DOWN WITH MY OWN
HANDS!

GET AWAY
FROM THAT
BOMB, AND
I'LL TELL
YOU--

GRRRAARRHH

What
the~?!

FWOOOMM

JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU'VE
GOT THINGS FIGURED OUT ...

FWA-BWAM!

THE BOMB!
GET AWAY FROM THE
BOMB!

... SOME JERK
THROWS A
DOPPELGÄNGER
AT YOU!

WHO IS THE
GAMMA DEVICE?

WHERE?!

UH...

OH, GEEZ! THE
DEVICE!!

GOTTA GET IT
BEFORE ANYTHING...
Oh, geez!!

WHEE!!
THAT WOMAN
GOING?!

THINGS GOT
MY STRENGTH,
MY SPEED,
MY MOVES.

NNNGG RAHH!!

YOU GOT ANY
BRAINS IN THERE,
UGLY? WE GOTTA
GET THIS FIGHT
OUTTA HERE!

WHAM!

**NO!
STAY
AWAY!!**

CAN'T GET THROUGH
TO HIM. GOTTA PULL
OUT--EVEN IF IT
DELIVERS ME TO
DOOM--HOPE HE
FOLLOWS ME.

FWOOP

ONE QUICK SHOT TO
FEINT HIM TO ONE
SIDE, THEN I CAN
GET PAST HIM, AND--

ANTI-HULK!
THIS IS YOUR
MASTER!
THIS BATTLE
MUST--

WHAT-?!

RRRR

NO.

sha-BLAMM



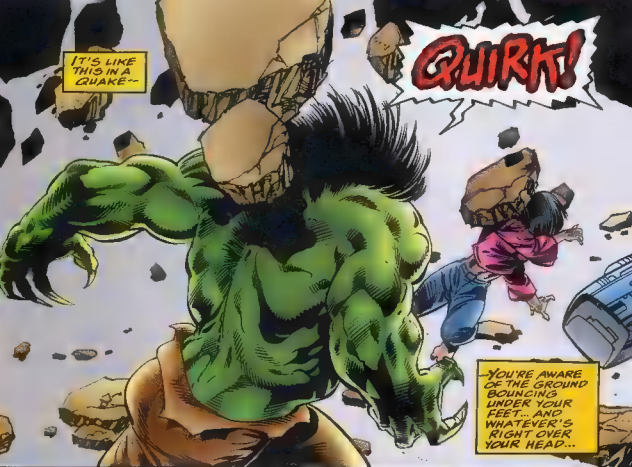


A BLAST WAY
DOWN BELOW
US...



...nothing?





IT'S LIKE
THIS IN A
QUAKE--

QUIRK!

YOU'RE AWARE
OF THE GROUND
BOUNCING
UNDER YOUR
FEET... AND
WHATEVER'S
RIGHT OVER
YOUR HEAD...



IT'S
OVER...

IT'S
OVER...

IT'S
...



SOMEWHERE
IN YOUR HEAD
YOU KNOW THE
THING MUST BE
BIG, BUT YOU
CAN'T EVEN
THINK ABOUT
IT.



EMERGENCY
SIGNALS... TRANSMITTING TO ME
FROM EVERYWHERE...

SAN FRANCISCO...
THE DESERT...
THE SIERRAS...

I-IT'S THE
WHOLE STATE!
CALIFORNIA
IS GOING TO~

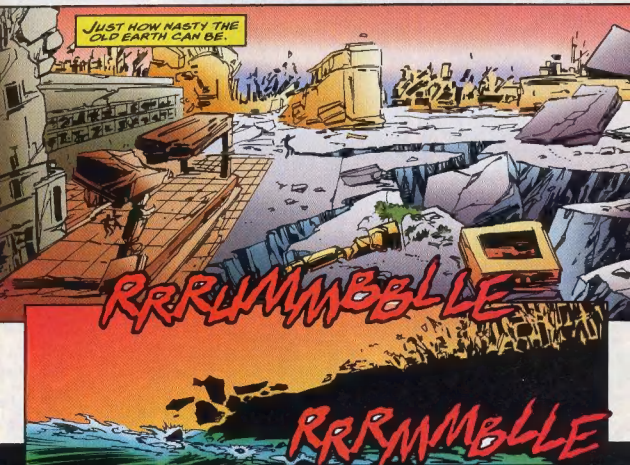


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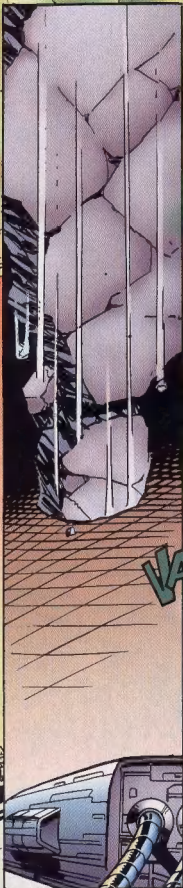
IT'S A LONG TIME AFTER BEFORE
YOU KNOW JUST HOW BIG IT WAS.



JUST HOW NASTY THE
OLD EARTH CAN BE.



AND IT ISN'T
JUST WHAT
THE QUAKE
DOES THAT
CAN HURT
YOU...

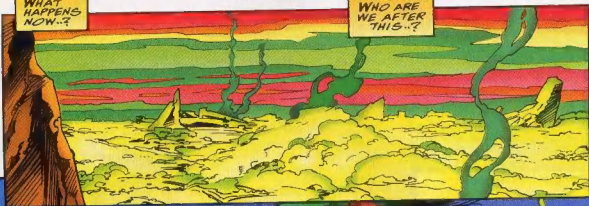


IT TAKES A WHILE
FOR YOUR HEAD
TO COME OUT OF
HERE AND NOW,
AND BEND
AROUND TO
THE NEXT
THOUGHTS.



WHAT
HAPPENS
NOW..?

WHO ARE
WE AFTER
THIS..?



WHAT'S
LEFT..?



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2099 A.D. APOCALYPSE #1!

TONGUE LASHINGS

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Off With His Head

The realization came late. What this book needed is that quote box that's so popular and annoying in my own book, DOOM 2099. But only with show-biz references, as befits a book set in Lateland. So cut these out and paste them in for (what a satirical monthly used to call) use, misuse and abuse:

"Sometimes, I even annoy myself."
— David Letterman

"I'm a loser, baby, so why don't you kill me!"
— Beck

"I'm all used up; I'm out of luck; I am starstruck by something in your eyes that is keeping my hope alive, but I'm sick of myself when I look at you. Something is beautiful and true in a world that's ugly and a lie, it's hard to even want to try."
— Matthew Sweet

"You just want to be on the side that's winning."
— Bob Dylan

Yeah, we could have picked any line from that last source. Like the moron said when he saw Hamlet for the first time, "What's the big deal? It's just a bunch of quotes stuck together!"

Gerry Jones would start telling stories that would dazzle me the way his past work has...and that he'd slowly but surely delve more into the character of John Eisenhart and his Hultish alter ego, with the kind of characterizational magic that has made his other work enjoyable. So, the fact that now Jones won't have the chance to fulfill that potential is cause for me to miss the book.

On the other hand, for some unfathomable reason the normal Jones magic wasn't waiting for him as he wrote this series. I never got a sense of him having his heart in his writing; it often felt like he was just going through the motions with it. None of the primal passion one would expect from a creature named Hult, as is evident in Peter David's work on the twen-teen version, and very little of the insightful characterization that has marked his other comics work. I don't know why that would be the case; all I know is, that's how it always felt to me. So, HULK 2099 hasn't ever been quite as satisfying as other Marvel titles, and thus, I don't really say I'm sorry to see it go.

I also regret that the book's ending on a cliffhanger, with plotlines unresolved; with any luck, presumably these'll be tied up in future 2099 UNLIMITED issues. But hey, thanks for trying!

David Peattie
Concord, CA

David, every ending's a beginning. The events of this issue will fuel further storylines in the 2099 universe, starting in 2099 A.D. APOCALYPSE this October, and its companion, 2099 A.D. GENESIS the following month.

Dear Hulk 2099,

I was surprised to hear that issue #10 will be the last for this series. I'm sorry it'll go and even sadder that it would be able to take up again in the UNLIMITED. Though the Hulk was not my favorite 2099 character, like the Hulk of present day, I think he just needed some time before he got settled in from the "Hulk smash" cliché. It took Peter David and thirty years to get Bruce Banner over his problems, so I don't think ten issues is a fair chance for John Eisenhart. (15 if you count the UNLIMITED's).

In any event, I've read that a California earthquake or should I say, THE California earthquake is gonna knock out the Hulk. Will he be swallowed up whole? Hope not. Anyway, it was fun while it lasted. It

will keep on top of the other 2099 titles! They're some of the best out there!

Jason Kim
San Francisco, CA

One quake already hit California, and this second is definitely the big one, Jason, but that isn't what we'll do in the Hulk. The story continues in 2099 A.D. APOCALYPSE as we've said. Look for it!

Dear Tongue Lashings,

I just finished reading issue #8 and the next issue box says, the earthquake is gonna hit. Does that mean that California will be totally destroyed? Hasn't California already separated from the mainland by the year 2099? What's going to happen to the west coast? Will it affect the X-Men and the Panthers?

I also would like to know why Quilt and John broke up. She shouldn't be going for that creep Apollonio. The Hulk should just wring his neck. He doesn't deserve a girl as good as Quilt. And now that Doom has taken over, can't his EMPs stop the quake or did Draco mess them up too much?

Christian Walth
Rapid City, SD

Well, Christian, there's no accounting for taste as far as Quilt's concerned. Love won't get any easier to understand in 2099, I guess. And the Hulk can't just smash anyone; that's no way to win women over! Just ask Joey. As for the earthquake, not even Doom's Environmental Maintenance Platforms can stop a natural occurrence this powerful. And yes indeed, California split from the mainland way back. This quake, however, is twice as strong and way more lethal.

NEXT ISSUE

Another episode of Cartoon Playtime has come to a close, so we'll just leave you with the words of Ed Sullivan, "We're a little late, folks, so good night and drive your car!"

Dear Mr. Cavalieri,

I apologize if this letter reaches you late, but I just heard the news that HULK 2099 has been cancelled. If this is the case, I find myself with mixed emotions about the situation.

On one hand, I've had a deep and abiding love for the Marvel heroes for going on 17 years. This is why I make sure I buy all the Marvel super hero books. As a result, I find it a shame when one of your stars tapped for solo glory falls on his or her face and gets cancelled...no matter what the circumstances.

Too, there's the fact that I always felt this Hulk had potential. Even though this was never my favorite offering from the 2099 line, I felt that given sufficient time,